



Senate

General Assembly

File No. 415

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 505

Senate, April 2, 2009

The Committee on Energy and Technology reported through SEN. FONFARA, J. of the 1st Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING UNLISTED TELEPHONE NUMBERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2009*) (a) No telephone
2 company, as defined in section 16-1 of the general statutes, shall charge
3 a fee for an unlisted telephone number to any customer who (1) has
4 obtained a standing criminal restraining order by the court against
5 another individual, and (2) qualifies for local, state or federal public
6 assistance.
- 7 (b) The Department of Public Utility Control shall adopt
8 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the
9 general statutes, establishing the procedure for waiving the fee
10 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2009</i>	New section
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ET *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

This bill, which bars telephone companies from charging a fee for an unlisted number to specified customers, has no anticipated fiscal impact.

The Out Years

None

OLR Bill Analysis**sSB 505*****AN ACT CONCERNING UNLISTED TELEPHONE NUMBERS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill bars telephone companies (AT&T in most of the state and Verizon in parts of Greenwich) from charging a fee for an unlisted telephone number to any customer who (1) has obtained a standing criminal restraining order from the court against another person and (2) qualifies for local, state, or federal public assistance. The bill requires the Department of Public Utility Control to adopt regulations to implement this provision.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2009

COMMITTEE ACTION

Energy and Technology Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 22 Nay 0 (03/17/2009)